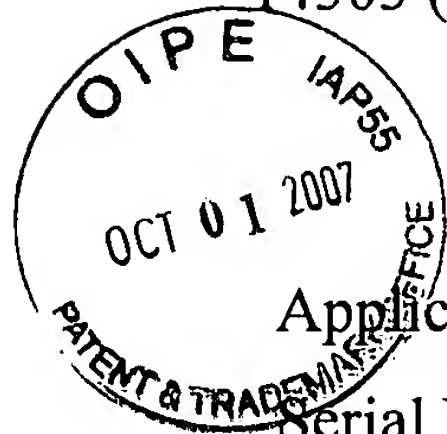


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Richard J. Ernst
Serial No.: 10/687,451
Conf. No.: 8743
Filed: October 16, 2003
For: ROD HANGER FOR SECURING A
ROD TO A SUBSTRATE
Art Unit: 3632
Examiner: Epps, Todd Michael

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed April 27, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 8, 12, 26 and 31-36. The filing fee for the Notice of Appeal of \$500.00 is paid by check attached hereto.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this Notice to keep the Application pending, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

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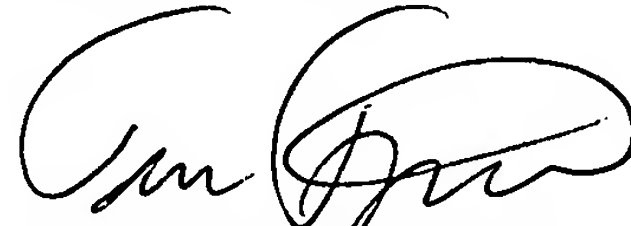
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